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there are people that feel strongly about this bill that we do need the children to be raised by the state or whatever, they are already in a program that is in effect.

PRESIDENT: Time marches on Senator DeCamp, you have one minute to close.

SENATOR DE CAMP: There is a program in effect and Senator Chambers or anybody that want s to avail themselves of it can do so. They have one set up in Peiking, and one in Moscow, one in London and they call them commune, you turn your children over, and the state raises them. I don't think that we want to start it here.

PRESIDENT: First to speak is Senator F. Lewis. Motion is to reconsider the action on LB792, Senator Lewis, Chambers Proud, Marsh, Waldron and Nore in that order.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman in all of my days in watching people speak this is probably the poorest example of interpretation of humorous literature that I have ever seen. The only thing that Senator DeCamp needed to throw in was the fact that he walked 3 miles to school in the snow, bare footed, carrying his 3 year old sister. Another way one might describe it was that it was full of sound and furry and signifying absolutely nothing. Now the question is, is an alternative to some of the problems that we have facing us. Many people have stood on the floor of this legislature of the same persuasion that Senator DeCamp is and has suggested the way to solve the welfare problem was for people to go to work. Now if people are going to go to work and particularly the receipents are going to go to work, obviously one of the first priorities and the first concerns has to be, has to be an opportunity for a worthwhile place for their children. As we have talked again and again on this bill, the problem is, to provide a way for people to get out of vicious welfare cycle which I would say that they would like even less than you do Senator DeCamp, and a obviously the day care center is the step in the right direction to see that that job is accomplished. I think that many people are a little tired of hearing people say that they want motherhood, they want children at home but failing to provide an alternative for those people. I would like to hear Senator DeCamp's solution for those that must work, that must provide support for their children. It is easy, in fact it is damn near popular to suggest that children ought to stay home and the parents ought to stay with them and take care of them and with the same voice and at the same time say wait a minute we are not going to provide any assistance for these people. They can pull themselves up by the boot straps as we have and these kids and these mothers can get a job. Lets get this bill over there where it is, lets forget it and lets don't bring it back.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I'll be very brief. I think that Senator DeCamp was careless in the use of his language when then he talked about the state raising peoples children. He knows that we are talking about day care centers, basically a babysitting facility. But if he is concerned about one million dollars being spend by the state and having posession of peoples children, he ought to think about the one-hundred fifty-million dollar bill that he voted in favor of this